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SUBJ Saratov Committee To Prioritize Industrial Investment

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- 2 [Text] [Shommer over video of unique flying apparatus] What is stopping this "flying saucer" from taking off? This is a unique design of the Saratov aviation plant, the only apparatus of its kind in the country. This fundamentally new craft combines the functions of wing and fuselage. Its payload is almost half its own weight. It does not depend on weather conditions, nor does it need airports.
- 3 And who is denying oxygen to the creators of this super-modern medical equipment -- artificial breathing and circulation apparatus, and diagnostic equipment? It meets Western standards and is frequently superior to foreign models. But, for the time being, these are no more than exhibition models.
- 4 [Yu. Kitov, mayor of Saratov, identified by caption] We have the equipment, the people, and the technologies. The only thing that is lacking is money.
- 5 [Shomer] Yet without money production of this new equipment cannot be launched. Defense complex enterprises, which are currently going through hard times, account for more than 80 percent of total industrial output in Saratov. The city authorities are proposing to find funds locally in order back up the defense industry and organize conversion. A special management coordination body, an industry committee, has been set up. The most promising development programs are given priority. The main hopes are being pinned on the local self-government clause contained in the new draft constitution. [video shows conversion output] (endall) 081800
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